

# Report for Council

## Protective Services – January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Bi-Annual Report

#### *Fire Response(s) – Year to Date*

	2025 Jan - July	2024 Total	2023 Total	2022 Total	2021 Total
Structure Fires	8	6	12	15	22
Wildland Fires	35	69	50	43	70
MVC	45	66	64	83	47
Plane/Train Crash	1	2	0	1	2
Medical/Standby	63	85	99	136	120
Alarms	15	26	29	55	28
Smoke Investigation	0	1	4	10	13
Rescue	5	2	4	6	4
Vehicle Fire	13	17	22	46	22
Gas/Electrical	2	12	6	13	11
Explosions	0		0	1	1
Mutual Aid	30	40	77	64	73
Provincial	1	2	8	2	6
Regional	1	6	7	15	7
Fire Investigation	25	19	42	42	37
Public Assistance	10	9	27	76	41
Total:	254	362	456	608	523

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## *Public Safety – Year to Date*

Public Safety	2025
Animal Control	12
Alerts Actioned	26
Bylaws	62
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	31
Enforcement (Warning/Ticket)	10
Internal	9
Joint Force Operations	10
Provincial Acts	21
Public Engagement	6
Road Ban & Industrial Patrols	320
Rural Crime Prevention	13
School/Bus Zone	10
Total:	468

## *Emergency Management – Year to Date*

Emergency Management	2025
Public Safety – Communications	10
Public Safety – Health	12
Public Safety – Infrastructure	1
Public Safety – Transportation	12
Public Safety – Utilities	2
Public Safety – Weather	20
Provincial	2
Wildfires	4
Training – Exercise	7
Total:	70

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## **PROTECTIVE SERVICES - Notable Events**

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4x Departments responded to an Oil Tank Farm fire. Tactical operations were successful and the facility sustained minor damage overall.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kitscoty Fire & Paradise Vally Fire were dispatched for a residential structure fire.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 3x Departments were toned out for a large growing grassfire on Highway #619 that threatened an oil processing facility.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Request for deployment to assist with wildfires in Sturgeon County. The Fire Division deployed County #9-2 and a utility truck for 10 days.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY – Peace Officer**

### **Enforcement**

1. Commercial Vehicle Inspections. Have ramped up during road ban season, as well as some joint inspections with Alberta Sheriffs/CVE blitzes.
2. Industrial Patrols. An increase in industrial patrols, centred around our Blackfoot Industrial corridor, have occurred due to complaint-based request for additional crime prevention patrols in that area.
3. Municipal Compliance. Bylaw enforcement has increased, notably around long-standing concerns on residential properties and unsightly premises. Actions, including court orders, have resulted in property compliance.
4. Road Bans. Enforcement of the road ban included patrols in several districts, with vehicle stops and inspections completed. Overall, the compliance for road bans was great.

### **Public Education**

1. School Visits. Public Safety Officers attended schools to discuss safety, particularly around bus routes and school zones. Stationary enforcement of school loading zones and bus routes also occurred.
2. Coyotes. Public Safety Officers, in conjunction with Alberta Sheriffs – Fish & Wildlife worked to increase the awareness of coyote prevention, especially in hamlets.
3. Rural Crime Watch. Peace Officers remain very involved in RCW, including attending meetings, speaking and promoting the program through participation.
4. Terry Fox Run. Firefighters and Peace Officers assisted in traffic control for this annual event.
5. Cadet Audet Award. Superintendent HUGHES assisted in this initiative with the Kitscoty RCMP.

### **Training**

1. Peace Officers completed training on the new requirements for municipal & provincial laws, including court procedures and disclosure requirement.
2. Bylaw Officers completed training on; Use of Force, Handcuffing, Baton, Dog Spray and Notetaking.

### **Staff**

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1. Inspector Christopher Garner (CPO1) has retired after over 37 years of law enforcement. His position has been posted and is in the interview stage.

## **FIRE – County Fire Service**

### **Community Events**

1. Islay Bonspiel. Firefighters participated in, worked concession and attended this annual event.
2. Fire Smart. Activities were held in fire stations across the County promoting the idea of wildfire prevention through fire smarting, including Dewberry (Chuck Wagon) and Islay (Open House).
3. Annual Cadet Reviews. Firefighters, including County Chief HUGHES, attended the annual inspections of both the Vermilion Army and Lloydminster Air cadet programs.
4. Parades. Firefighters from all County Fire districts participated in parades in their areas, including the Lloydminster Ex Parade, Dewberry and Paradise Valley.

### **Apparatus & Equipment**

1. Vermilion Pump #7-2 was delivered in February and placed in service.
2. County #9-2 is the old Vermilion Pump and has been placed in “reserve” for deployments and to cover when trucks go in and out of service for repairs and maintenance.

### **Training**

1. NFPA 1001 – Level 2 Firefighter. Firefighters completed the theory and practical evolutions for their professional firefighting designations. This course ran over several months.
2. Firefighter Orientation Course. Is the “basic” fire course required for volunteers to begin attending fire calls. This was hosted in Dewberry in January. 20x candidates successfully completed the evaluations.
3. Dalhousie University. 3x Firefighters continued with their certification for Fire Service Leadership, with Captain Cody Asselstine receiving his designation in April.
4. STARS Landing Course. 24x Firefighters completed the course required to safely land a helicopter for trauma medical evacuation.
5. Regional Auto Extrication Training. Thanks to Action Towing for the use of their facility, firefighters from across the County attended this refresher training in auto extrication.
6. NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials. Firefighters completed formal theory and practical training in handling hazardous material events at the awareness and operations level.
7. Cameco Training. This course involved responding to radioactive materials and was hosted by Britannia Fire.
8. Online Training. Has increased, due to the availability of courses hosted online and promoted through our “Training Portal” on our County website. These courses include; railway awareness, hybrid car response and incident command systems 100.
9. Suicide Awareness & Behavioural Health. Hosted by Lakeland College, officers and firefighters attached to our critical incident stress team attended.

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## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Disaster Services**

1. Provincial Request. The County received a request to place staff on standby for wildfires in the North.
2. Provincial Request – Sturgeon County. Emergency Management staff worked around the clock to set up rotations and schedules for responding firefighters to assist in the suppression of wildfires.
3. Plane Crashes. EM Staff assisted with the response to an aircraft crash near the County/Town border.
4. County Staff Training. County Staff have been requested to complete the ICS100 and Basic Emergency Management (BEM) training online. This allows our staff to assist in an activation if necessary. In April, an in-person ICS100 course was run for County staff.
5. Tabletop Exercise – Deerfoot. County Staff participated in a table-top exercise in January to test the new CVR Emergency Response Plan as well as some subdivision specific plans.
6. DEM Meeting. Directors attended a meeting with surrounding communities DEMS in St. Paul in April.
7. Pipeline Functional Exercise. Emergency Management Division members participated in a mock pipeline explosion and leak hosted by ECHO in April.
8. Dam Exercise. Local DEMS alongside Provincial officials participated in the Vermilion Dam exercise.
9. ICS 100.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

- Firefighter Orientation Course – July 2025
- NFPA 1051 – Wildland Firefighter Course – August/September 2025

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